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SUBJECT: SC DEBATE ON ME: PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. GLEISSNER, SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF SUPPORTING SECURITY COUNCIL, HAS INFORMED US OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR MIDDLE EAST DEBATE BEGINNING JANUARY 12. AT REQUEST OF ACTING PRESIDENT RUPIA OF TANZANIA, SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 11:30 A.M. AND FORMAL MEETING FOR 3:30 P.M. ON MONDAY. TANZANIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE SALIM IS EXPECTED TO RETURN JANUARY 10 AND TO BE IN CHAIR ON MONDAY.

2. ACCORDING TO GLEISSNER, TANZANIANS EXPECT THAT QUESTION OF INVITING PLO TO PARTICIPATE ("WHETHER" AND "HOW") WILL BE DETERMINED IN CONSULTATIONS. TANZANIANS HAVE TOLD GLEISSNER THEY THINK IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO HAVE VOTE OR VOTES ON THIS QUESTION BUT THEY "TAKE FOR GRANTED" THAT
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PLO WILL BE INVITED AND WILL BE ENTITLED TO SEAT AT THE

SECURITY COUNCIL TABLE THROUGHOUT THE DEBATE. JORDAN, SYRIA AND EGYPT HAVE ALL SUBMITTED LETTERS ASKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE. JORDAN ASKED EXPLICITLY TO BE PERMITTED TO SIT AT THE TABLE THROUGHOUT THE DEBATE AND GLEISSNER ASSUMED OTHER TWO WOULD ALSO WISH TO BE AT THE TABLE THROUGHOUT.

3. AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENCY, THE SECRETARIAT HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS THAT WOULD PERMIT IT QUICKLY TO MAKE ROOM FOR TWO ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS TO TAKE PLACES AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL TABLE. GLEISSNER RECALLED THAT DURING THE LEBANON DEBATE IN DECEMBER 1975 BAROODY OF SAUDIA ARABIA HAD ASKED TO SPEAK AT A TIME WHEN THE FOUR REGULAR PLACES NORMALLY AVAILABLE AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL TABLE FOR USE BY AD HOC PARTICIPANTS WERE FILLED. TO MAKE ROOM FOR BAROODY THE BRITISH PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL HAD COURTEOUSLY ASKED THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE, WHO WAS ONE OF THE FOUR AD HOC PARTICIPANTS, TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF A MEMBER STATE, SAUDI ARABIA. THE TANZANIANS HAD INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD WISH TO BE SPARED THE EMBARRASSMENT OF ASKING ANYONE TO LEAVE THE TABLE UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. GLEISSNER RECALLED THAT THE SYRIAN AMBASSADOR, WHO WAS ONE OF THE OTHER AD HOC PARTICIPANTS AT THE TIME BAROODY HAD DISPLACED THE PLO, HAD OFFERED TO WITHDRAW BUT HIS COURTESY HAD BEEN REFUSED. (COMMENT: GLEISSNER MAY HAVE BEEN MAKING THE POINT THAT IF IN THE JANUARY DEBATE A MEMBER OF THE U.N. OFFERED TO CEDE ITS PLACE AT TABLE TO THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE AND THIS COURTESY WAS ACCEPTED, A NON-MEMBER COULD THUS BE ACCORDED STATUS SUPERIOR TO THAT OF A MEMBER.)
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